



Owl Class Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2026

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break. Year 5 children will be going swimming throughout this term, so please make sure they come into school on a Monday with their swimming kit in a bag ready for their lessons.

Our Learning:

In **English** the children will be writing adventure stories, firstly based on the book 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell and then again based on the book 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman.

In **Maths** the children will continue to develop fluency in multiplication and division, before revisiting fractions.

In **Science** the children will learn about how light travels and what impact this has on what we see.

In **Humanities** the children's learning will focus on History. In our History lessons we will be learning about the Viking invasion of Britain.

In **RE**, the children will focus on the spiritual pathways to Moksha that are written about in Hindu scripture.

In **Computing**, the children will learn about programming.

In their **Art** lessons, the children will focus on observational drawing using architecture as inspiration.

Developing their knowledge in **French**, the children will learn how to speak and write about their families.

In **PE** this half-term, the children will develop skills in gymnastics and dance.



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Reading and Homework

In UKS2 it is important that the children continue to read at home on a daily basis, remind your children to log all of their reading at home and make sure you have initialled/ signed your children's reading records when they have read. Please ensure that reading records are returned to school on a daily basis.

At the start of each term, homework will be sent home in the form of a project, linked to an area of learning. This half term's project links to our History topic of the Viking invasion of Britain. The expectation is that children spend some time researching this topic to produce a project that is due in during the last week of the half term. This project can be presented in many ways, from a piece of writing to a poster, a PowerPoint presentation to a painting – however they want to creatively show their work.

Times tables will continue to be a focus in UKS2. Please encourage the children to continue to use Times Tables Rock Stars so they can master their times tables. There is an expectation that they complete 15 garage games every week. Please speak to me if the children are having difficulty with this or there are problems accessing technology.

Spellings will be set each week and will come home on a Monday, glued into the reading records. These will be tested on a Friday. Please try to find some time to help the children to practice these as good spelling can have a huge impact on the quality of their written work.

Walking Home and Mobile Phones

If you would like your child to walk themselves to or from school, please make sure you have completed the permission slip (these can be collected from the school office). If you would like them to have a mobile phone for this journey, please let us know and these can be dropped off to the office in the morning and collected at the end of the day. The children are not allowed to keep mobile phones on them during the school day.

PE kits

PE will continue to be on Thursday and Friday this term, with enrichment PE on a Wednesday. Children will continue to come into school in their PE kits on their PE days, rather than changing at school. Please ensure your children are wearing shorts/jogging bottoms and PE t-shirts with trainers.

Please remember to keep up to date with the school website to see what the children have been learning



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and find out about whole school updates.

Mr Smith